

3 February 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Messrs. Karamessines

SUBJECT : NSSM-167

1. Attached is the Department of State's initial response to NSSM-167, i.e. State's first submission to the SRG on the international conference on Vietnam. The draft was completed late on the evening of 1 February for submission early on 2 February. I declined to comment (or coordinate) for the Agency on the grounds that we had not had time to study the document before rendering an opinion and hence would have to abstain. This was perfectly agreeable to State.

2. The Director will undoubtedly be called on to comment at the 6 February SRG meeting. Could I please have any observations, exceptions, or other comments any of you may care to make by no later than 1500 Monday, 5 February, so I can prepare a consolidated briefing note for the Director.

3. This document is regarded by State as extremely sensitive. Would you therefore please restrict access to it to those who, in your judgment, really need to see it.

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Attachment